

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, line 1, as follows:

TITLE

FACE DETECTION APPARATUS WITH INDICATIVE DATA COMPARISON

AND PROCESSING

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is based upon and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §371 from International Application No. PCT/GB03/05235, filed November 28, 2003 which is based upon and claims priority to United Kingdom Application No. 0227897.6, filed November 29, 2002.

BACKGROUND

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 20:

SUMMARY

Please insert the following paragraph at page 2, line 3:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following paragraph at page 3, line 16:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please amend the abstract at page 48 as follows:

A face ~~Face~~ detection apparatus in which an image region of a test image is compared with data indicative of the presence of a face includes comprises: a pre-processor configured operable to identify low-difference regions of the test image where there exists less than a threshold image difference across groups of pixels within those regions; and a face detector configured operable to perform face detection on regions of the test image other than those identified by the pre-processor as low-difference regions.

Figures 22a to 22e.